ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

a load handling apparatus for a counterbalance type Juan () () forklift, a tiltable operating lever is disposed on a body of the forklift, a mast which is tiltable in an anteroposter λ ior direction is disposed on the forklift, a liftable fork \setminus is disposed on the mast, and a tilting speed of the mast and lifting and lowering speeds of the fork are controlled by a degree of opening of a solenoid proportional control valve, the degree of opening being proportional to a talting angle of the operating lever, wherein a number of the operating lever disposed on the body is one, a switch λ s attached to the operating lever, and the apparatus comprises a controller which performs controls in the following $ar{\mbox{\mbox{manner:}}}$ when the operating lever is tilted under a state where the switch is operated, a signal for tilting the mast $lac{1}{4}$ s output; when only the operating lever is operated, a signal for lifting or lowering the fork is output; and, when the switch is changed to a inactive condition under a state where the operating lever is in an tilting operation condition, actions of lifting and lowering the fork are disabled unless the operating lever is returned to a neutral condition.